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SUBJ: POST FUNDING

1. CONGEN DHAHRAN PRESSING FOR APPROVAL TO SHARE CONTRACT WITH DHAHRAN ACADEMY FOR EXTERMINATION OF RATS BY ONLY FIRM IN BUSINESS OWING SERIOUS INVASION OF COMPOUND AND RESIDENCES DURING PAST FOUR MONTHS, CITING NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND BABIES ON COMPOUND AND POSSIBILITY OF RABIES. APPARENTLY ALL OTHER EFFORTS HAVE FAILED. AFTER EXCHANGE OF TELEGRAMS DESPITE URGENCY EMBASSY STILL HESITANT TO APPROVE THIS UNBUDGETED ITEM OF \$5,100 IN VIEW LACK OF FUNDING.

2. PRESENT SPENDING RATE FOR NON-EQUIPMENT ITEMS RUNNING AT OR ABOVE BUDGETED AMOUNTS AND WE ENCOUNTERING NEW PROBLEMS AND INFLATIONARY COSTS DAILY SUCH AS WITH SUPPLIES. LARGE SEMI-ANNUAL REQUISITION SENT BONN IN AUGUST. INSTEAD USUAL EARLY SHIPMENT VIA APO, SUPPLIES SENT VIA SURFACE IN NOVEMBER THEREBY INCREASING COSTS CONSIDERABLY AND EXTENDING ARRIVAL TIME BY SEVERAL MONTHS. EMBASSY UNABLE TO PLACE INTERIM EMERGENCY ORDERS THRU GSA VIA APO AS NEED TO EXPEND FUNDS LOCALLY ALREADY HAS CAUSED US TO EXCEED OUR FULL ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR SUPPLIES.

3. CAN BUREAU SEE ITS WAY CLEAR TO GIVING POST SOME IDEA HOW MUCH WILL BE AVAILABLE? OBLIGATIONS THRU DECEMBER TOTAL \$384,200 FOR PROGRAM AND \$379,380 FOR SHARED. AN EARLY REPLY WILL BE APPRECIATED. IN MEANTIME EMBASSY WILL PREPARE AND FORWARD MID-YEAR FINPLAN AFTER HOLIDAYS.

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